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SUBJ: FONMIN' S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY' S FOREIGN
POLICY LETTER

REF: STATE 73787

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MAY 17 FROM DEP
PRIMIN/ FONMIN NU' MAN IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY' S LETTER
ENCLOSING U. S. FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972 (REFTEL).
IN BRIEF, LETTER' S CONVOLUTED ARABIC TEXT THANKS
SECRETARY FOR HIS SPECIAL CONCERN TOWARDS YEMEN AND
STRESSES VALUE YEMEN PLACES ON USG ASSISTANCE IN VIEW
GREAT UNDERSTANDING IT HAS SHOWN IN ASSESSING YAR' S
PROBLEMS AND NEEDS. NOTING VALUE OF ARABIAN PENINSULA
OIL BOTH TO USG AND YAR (ULTIMATE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL
ASSISTANCE TO IT), NU' MAN ALSO EMPHASIZES INTERRELATION-
SHIP OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AREA TO HUMAN PROBLEM OF
PALESTINIANS. IN ORAL COMMENT ON LETTER, FON MIN
STATED REFERENCE IN PARA FIVE TO " INDEPENDENT AMERICAN
EFFORT" IS INTENDED AS SUGGESTION THAT USG' S CURRENT
INSISTENCE THAT MILITARY AID TO YAR BE INDIRECT MAY
REQUIRE REASSESSMENT AND LIGHT DEGREE AND RAPIDITY
OF SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY TO PDRY. PARAS 6 AND 7 ARE
INTENDED TO CONVEY IDEA THAT USG BETTER PLACED TO
UNDERSTAND YAR' S NEEDS AND RESPOND TO THEM
EFFECTIVELY THAN ARE SOME OF YEMEN' S NEIGHBORS, I. E.
SAUDI ARABIA.

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2. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS (ORIGINAL POUCHED):

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MAY 17, 1973

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DURING THE YEAR 1972 AND YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1973.

AS I THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN SENDING ME THIS FRIENDLY LETTER, I ALSO FIND IT MY DUTY TO WELCOME THE SPECIAL ATTENTION WHICH I FELT FROM THE REPEATED REFERENCES TO THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THE MOST PROMINENT SIGN OF WHICH HAS BEEN YOUR PASSING THROUGH SANAA DURING YOUR TRIP THROUGH THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, AN AREA WHICH WE IN SANAA CONSIDER A SINGLE CULTURAL UNITY WHICH IS STILL INTERACTING SPONTANEOUSLY AND EXTERNALLY AS ONE, ALTHOUGH IT MAY APPEAR ON THE SURFACE AND IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AS IF IT WERE CONFRONTING COLLIDING FORCES.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR BRIEF REFERENCES TO THE SITUATION IN YOUR YEMENI SOUTH, WE IN SANAA CONSIDER THAT THE EFFECTIVE AND POSITIVE SOLUTION IS NOTHING OTHER THAN REGAINING YEMENI UNITY BASED ON OUR AGREEMENT IN TRIPOLI ON 28 NOVEMBER 1972.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR US TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL THE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT WITH CONSTANT PERSISTENCE, HELPING US WITH EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO CONFRONT THE DANGERS OF ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS WHICH BY ITS NATURE IMPLANTS UNEASINESS, UNREST, HATREDS AND DISASTERS.

IF I MAY BE PERMITTED TO ADD SOMETHING TO THE ABOVE, AN OBSERVATION WORTHY OF STUDY IS THAT THE RELIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA MUST BE PRECEDED BY THE AMERICAN CONVICTION THAT THE HISTORICAL VIEW OF THE AREA CONCERNING THE NEEDS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ITS SOCIAL MEANINGS, ITS CULTURAL DIS-
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TANCES, AND ITS POLITICAL EFFECT IS AN INTERRELATED WHOLE. ARRIVING AT THIS AMERICAN CONVICTION WILL FIRST REQUIRE MUCH INDEPENDENT AMERICAN EFFORT TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED OF HELP OVER A LONG PERIOD IN ORDER THAT THIS DIFFICULT CONVICTION MAY MULTIPLY IN THE LIGHT OF THIS EXAMPLE OF DIFFERING AND VARIOUS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

WE WELCOME ALL REGIONAL ASSISTANCE WHICH OUR NEIGHBORS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ABILITY TO GIVE AND WE STRIVE TO CREATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FAVORABLE TO MAKING THIS AID AVAILABLE. BUT WE AFFIRM THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN MODERN POLITICAL VIEWS CARRIES WITH IT A DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSING NEEDS AND ASSISTANCES.

WE POSSESS AN OPTIMISTIC CONFIDENCE THAT YOU IN THE UNITED STATES ARE STILL CLOSER TO US THAN OTHERS IN ASSESSING THESE MODERN RENEWED NEEDS AND IN THE ABILITY TO CONFRONT THEM.

SECURITY AND PEACE ARE THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY WHICH ANY STATE HAS TO GUARANTEE WITHIN ITS TERRITORY, OR THE TERRITORY WHICH HAS AN EFFECT ON ITS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY, AS IS THE CASE WITH YOU AND US WITH REGARD TO YOUR NEED THE CONTINUANCE OF PETROLEUM SUPPLIES FROM THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND OUR NEED IN YEMEN FOR THE ABUNDANCE OF FINANCIAL RETURNS TO ARAB TRADE FROM THE OUTFLOWING OF OIL BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE PENINSULA. I, AS A SINCERE FRIEND TO HIS FRIENDS, A PARTICIPANT IN THE POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF HIS COUNTRY, WISH TO SAY THAT SECURITY AND PEACE IN THIS AREA CANNOT BE GIVEN A COMFORTING GUARANTEE UNTIL A CLEAR AMERICAN VOICE RESOUNDS THROUGH THE AREA FIRST OF ALL AND THROUGH THE WHOLE WORLD AFTER THAT AFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO ACT AS A PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR HOMELAND AND THAT THOSE WHO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS BASIC HUMAN RIGHT DO NOT DESERVE PROTECTION OR AID FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THE SINGLE CAUSE FOR THE ERUPTION OF THIS UNEASE IN THE ARAB WORLD IS THE COMPLETE NEGLECT AND EVASION IN MANY WAYS OF A CLEAR AND FRANK RECOGNITION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

WE BELIEVE THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO HURDLE THIS HUMAN TRUTH CAN ONLY SUCCEED IN CREATING MORE UNEASE IN THE
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ARAB WORLD. THIS IS A MATTER WHICH THWARTS ALL OUR DREAMS TO DEVELOP HUMAN LIFE, PROGRESS, STABILITY, AND PEACE IN THIS REGION.

MAY I EXPRESS, YOUR EXCELLENCY, MY SINCE GREETING AND WISHES FOR INCREASED GOOD FORTUNE. YOUR FRIEND, MUHAMMAD AHMAD NU' MAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. UNQTE.
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